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# ORDER! Circuit Court is in Session

By Chris Hall

Yesterday, a remarkable trial was held at the Webbar Circuit Court in the South Eastern Learning Center. Attorney Lewis Clark presided as evaluator of the trial. The court was brought to session by the honorable Judge "Pizzy" Wakim. The prosecuting attorney for the trial was Benjamin Plume. The "dream team" defense for the trial was led by Dustin Hoylman with Chris Goodnight acting as an assistant attorney. After Judge Wakim brought the court into session, Circuit Clerk Charles Warren swore in all members of the jury. After a brief pause from Mr. Warren, attorney Plume and attorney Hoylman asked Judge Wakim to scratch several members from the jury. Plume and Hoylman then decided to break the war of wit and prepare for the bloody legal battle that lay ahead.

Both attorneys initiated the field battle with their opening statements. According to the prosecution, defendants Alex Williams and Nick Phillips were hunting out of season without a license. They were accused of spotting deer and firing a weapon

within 500 feet of a residence—a direct violation of the Boys' State code of law. The defense made the convincing argument that Mr. Williams and Mr. Phillips were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

From the beginning, the defense had an unbelievably strong foundation of witnesses. David Cotton, the local reverend of Webster Springs, explained to the jury that Alex Williams is a man of moral righteousness. Coming from the mouth of the supreme reverend of the land, it was very hard for the prosecution to deny this claim. Matthew Dettman was the next witness to take the stand for the defense. He claimed that defendant Nick Phillips deeply opposed hunting; he counteracted all accusations made by the prosecution. Following Dettman on the stand was Mr. Williams himself.

Williams stated that he was in his home watching the NBA finals when he heard gunfire. For the purpose of his family's safety, he retrieved his 12-gauge shotgun that he had recently bought from a local Wal-Mart. The prosecution boldly claimed that this weapon was a 30-06 rifle. This difference was heavily debated upon by both

sides, and the matter regarding the type of weapon was later thrown out of court. On the stand, there were intense verbal disagreements between Plume and Williams. Williams eventually won the war of wit, and he was dismissed from the stand. Defendant Nick Phillips took similar composure on the stand, and the courtroom could soon conclude that the case was coming to an end.

Finally, the prosecution and defense made their closing statements. Hoylman, backbone of the "dream team," emphasized the importance of the defendants having no prior knowledge of one another, making it irrelevant that they would conspire to commit such a senseless crime. This was the lethal blow that sealed the fate of the prosecution. After a very short deliberation, the jury found the defendants not guilty. The result of this verdict was of no surprise and is accredited to the "dream team" defense and all of the supporting witnesses at the trial. Clearly, this victory is an overwhelming success for the citizens of Webster cottage. It is simply another milestone for Webster on the way to the Fugitt.



# MOUNTAINEER *Forum*

## From the Editor's Desk:

If Boys' State is about brotherhood, there can be no better example than The Hill. The Hill consists of Panhandle, Braxton, Barbour, and Randolph. These camps have put competition and differences behind in an effort to prevent bickering and vandalism. All of the members of any of these cabins have been granted rights to walk around at any of the other cabins.

It is a proud time for Boys' State. There has been competition and it has brought out the best in most. But more importantly, competition has been put aside in favor of friendship. This may be due to lack of sleep, it may be to give the sheriffs of the cabins involved a break from arresting residents of the others, but most likely it is because of the quality of character of the boys at Boys' State.

The opposing faction to The Hill, the West Side, bears no real hatred towards The Hill. The vast majority of interaction between campers is in fun and further, in brotherhood. Just as brothers sometimes try to one-up each other, there is competition at Boys' State, but just as brothers are bound by an invisible bond, the citizens of Boys' State, whether they are conscious of it or not, are tied together in their experience here.

## Cabin Inspection Scores

Upshur - 92  
Lewis - 92  
Kanawha - 96  
Marion - 92  
Monongalia - 100  
Webster - 92  
Panhandle - 100  
Braxton - 88  
Barbour - 100  
Monroe - 100  
Randolph - 100  
Gilmer - 100  
Calhoun - 100

## Home Cooking Away From Home

By Brandon Riley

Today I went into the kitchen of the dining hall while everyone was busy in meetings. I found the kitchen staff hard at work. They were busy making all sorts of delicious delicacies for the campers at Boys' State. Many campers would be starving if they did not have the professional help of these hard working women.

I know that the food here is not mom's home cooking, but it really hits the spot after long classes and daily marches. My favorite food so far this week has been the brownies. Oh...

they were the things that really made my week so far. If there was one thing that could be a little better, I think it would have to be the eggs. They could have at least put some crumble eggshells in the mix so we would think they were real, but everyone knows that they are definitely fake eggs.

Even so, it takes a special group of people to take time out of their lives to cook meals for over 400 people. So please give the cooking staff the thanks that they truly deserve. And maybe, if you are lucky, they will slip you some extra mashed potatoes on your plate.



Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Calhoun County Cottage for a great week of learning and fun in this my first year as a Senior Counselor.

Our week together has been one treat I will always remember. I will never forget the looks on your faces the first day; I will never forget the fun that we had marching, and I will never forget your enthusiasm.

Guys, you are truly the men of tomorrow. I just hope that I've been

able to leave an impression on your lives, because you've certainly left one on mine.

HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!!

Thanks,

Phil A. Hancock  
Senior Counselor/Calhoun

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# Athletics

## Tomorrow

The final days of MBS sports are at hand. The administrative sports staff has been hard at work to develop a new tournament style Friday.

After tomorrow's first session games, the staff will sit down and make out a schedule, pitting the undefeated teams in each event against each other.

The staff will then pass out these revised schedules at the evening meal. So after dinner, see your counselor for you game plan.



Nationalist Ty "Tito" Hairston once again shows his athletic prowess on the courts of Jackson's Mill.

## Results for Thursday

### Thursday: Second Session:

#### Volleyball (Hardcourt)

Lewis N v. *Marion N*

Randolph F v. *Upshur*

#### Volleyball (Sand)

Calhoun v. *Kanawaha N*

Panhandle N v. *Randolph N*

#### Ultimate Frisbee

*Braxton N* v. Monroe F

Panhandle F v. *Lewis F*

#### Softball

*Gilmer* v. Monroe N

*Kanawaha F* v. Marion F

#### Basketball

*Barbour* v. Monogalia

Braxton F v. *Webster*

## The Friday First Sessions Schedule

#### Volleyball (Hardcourt)

Kanawaha F v. Webster

Lewis F v. Randolph N

#### Volleyball (Sand)

Braxton F v. Randolph F

Gilmer v. Panhandle F

#### Ultimate Frisbee

Barbour v. Panhandle N

Marion N v. Monroe N

#### Softball

Kanawaha N v. Monogalia

Lewis N v. Monroe F

#### Basketball

Braxton N v. Upshur

Calhoun v. Marion F

## A Boy and His Glove

By Jason Hatcher

What has four vowels, two consonants, and is missing a black Mizuno baseball glove? The answer is Joseph Ielapi of Panhandle County. Turns out the boy with the un-readable last name brought his magical baseball glove that his beloved, but not deceased, grandfather gave him just before he passed with him here to Boys' State and now he cannot find the beloved heirloom. The poor lad's completely heart-broken over this tragic loss.

The traumatic loss is having a devastating effect on Ielapi's health. He hasn't slept since the glove disappeared and hasn't been able to eat a complete meal either. He is having a hard time functioning and his cottage-mates are worrying themselves to premature hair loss over Ielapi's rapidly degrading health condition.

Ielapi has turned the campgrounds upside down looking for his treasured mitt, but to no avail. He is pleading for everyone to help in the recovery of the glove. No one is looking to fix blame, but merely

### NOTICE:

Some facts of this story have been fabricated. This is not the complete truth. The complete truth is that Ielapi has lost his black Muzino baseball glove and is pleading for anyone who has information about it to come forward. Any info or the glove itself should be taken to GHQ.



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# Panorama

## WARNING: Avoid These Places At All Cost!

By Jason Hatcher

After returning to Boys' State from a doctor's appointment, Jeff Richmond, our fearless editor, and I set out to wonder around the campus here at Jackson's Mill to see how the citizens were handling the responsibilities of running a government. Right off we found out that some of the cottages had had a field day passing local laws and ordinances.

Following our arrest in two different counties, the two of us decided to put together what we call "The Top Five Places In Boys State To Avoid At All Cost." Now, this is completely based on personal observations and opinions so it has no scientific proof or anything else to back it up. But if you don't believe us, feel free to wonder around these places and find out for yourselves.

- 1) Braxton: Topping list of places to avoid is the entire area around Braxton. Seems they've gone and passed some rather odd laws and have adopted what amounts to a capital-punishment system. They call it The Hole, you do the math...
- 2) Monongalia: Seems that the State Troopers have set up a combination speed- and detour-trap right beside the satellite dish.
- 3) Upshur: They've been rumored to have passed a rather hefty, and rather confusing, toll system, so pass through there only if you've got money to burn.
- 4) Calhoun: Watch out for these guys. They're a little crazy and are planning to try to form their own country with two other counties.
- 5) Monroe: Looking for a fifth place to round out of list of places to avoid, we venture way back into the boon-docks to Monroe. Seems that they've passed a law making it illegal to walk on the grass unless you live in Monroe.

Hopefully this'll help all you citizens avoid having to pay fines, do community service or have to submit to strange and unusual punishments, because we had to do so repeatedly while we were gathering our information. So pay attention and try to avoid these places, you'll be glad you did.

## Boys' State's First Fire Department

By Jason Hatcher

For the first time in its long history, Mountaineer Boys' State has a Fire Department with Mr. John Grimes as the Fire Marshall. Grimes held the first class Thursday night at 6:30 at the Jackson's Mill Fire Department. The eighteen Boys' Staters that were in attendance were Alan Robinson, Shane Frye, Haron Ray, Joseph Vincent, Craig Pritchett, Mitchell Roessing, Mike Vaughn, Jeffrey Davis, Bryan Basford, John Elder, Matt Godwain, Bryan Packer, and Craig Collins. Officers were elected as follows: Steve Buyers, President; Danny Burnside, Chief; Brain Skidmore, First Assistant; Vice President and Supply Sargent, Tom Blake; Fire Fighter, Eric Hayherst.

## College Day Participants

Alderson-Broadbuss  
Davis & Elkins  
Shepherd College  
Concord College  
West Virginia Wesleyan  
WVU Tech  
Wheeling Jesuit University  
Fairmont State College  
Mountain State University  
West Virginia State College  
University of Charleston

Glenville State  
Bethany College  
West Liberty State College  
Potomac State College  
Marshall University  
West Virginia University

## I Want to Go Home

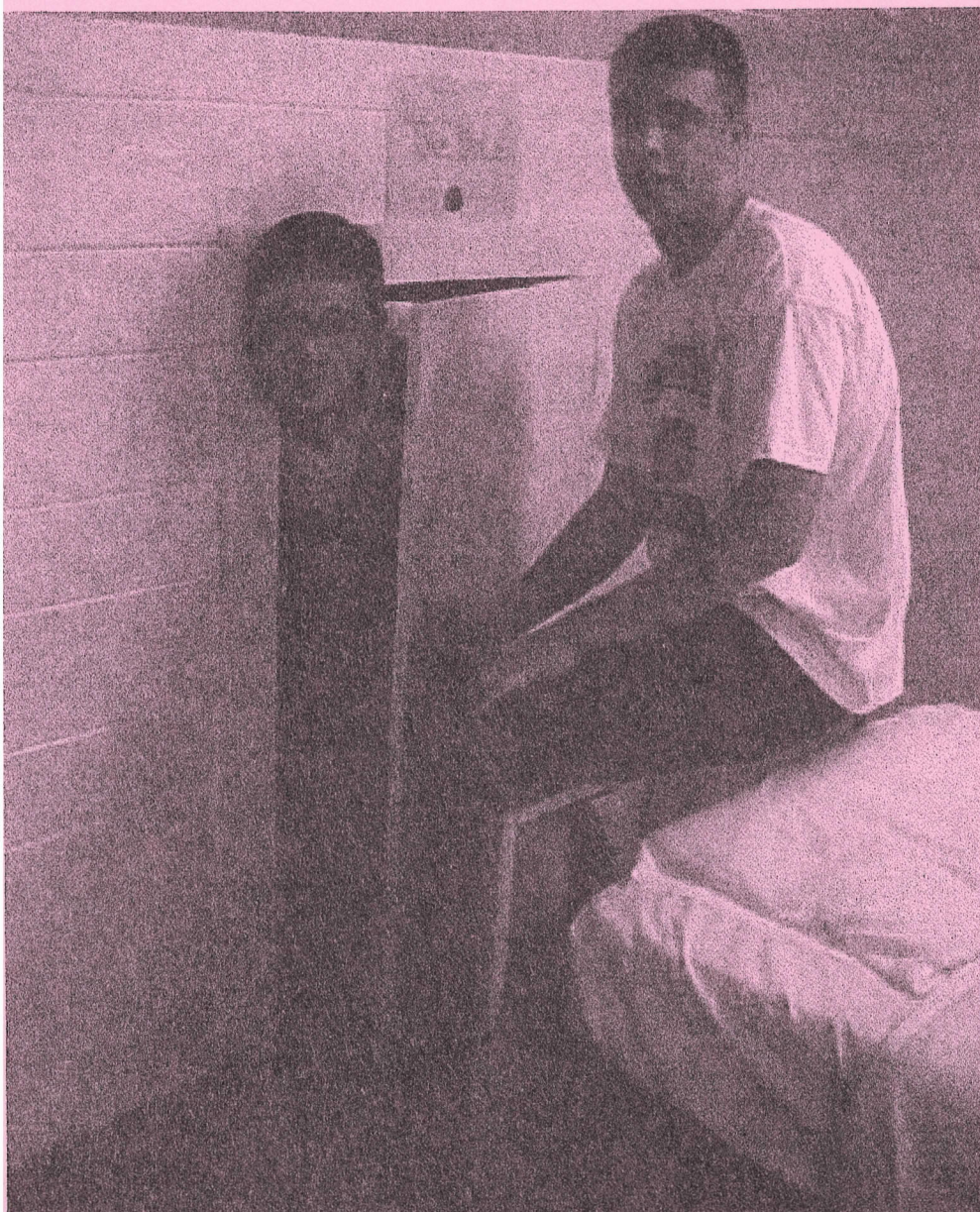
By Scott Leighton

As the week comes to an end, many citizens are beginning to slack off in their duties. Others, like the police, are still working hard to make sure everything stays in order. We can't all forget what why we are here.

All cottages need to work hard to get your packets done and turn them in, but without everyone's support the packet will be incomplete. The sooner you get everything done, the more time you will have for your swimming and other activities.

The state police and other officers are using their authority to its full extent. People are getting pulled over from a traffic violation to a murder. These few individuals are keeping up the pace where others are slowing down.

When we say goodbye to Mountaineer Boys State, we must remember why we are here and what we need to get down. It's only a week out of the whole year and some need to suck it up for 2 more days.





## CIRCUIT COURT TRIAL RESULTS

<u>County</u>	<u>Score</u>
First Circuit	
Monroe	99
Randolph	96
Second Circuit	
Lewis	92
Upshur	84
Third Circuit	
Calhoun	87.25
Marion	96.25
Fourth Circuit	
Gilmer	97
Panhandle	98
Fifth Circuit	
Monongalia	100
Kanawha	96.5
Sixth Circuit	
Barbour	97
Braxton	99
Webster	97

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Counselors must turn in their counselor handbooks by noon today.